

Amendments to the Abstract:

Amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A piston rod and a piston are installed with freedom of axial movement in a cylinder filled with a working medium, the piston dividing the working space into a space on the piston-rod side of the piston and a space on the side of the piston facing away from the piston rod. A stop disk is mounted on the piston rod in addition to the piston rests against ~~retaining means~~ a retainer provided on the cylinder to limit the outward movement of the piston rod during a fire.